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SUBJ: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION - FRENCH PROPOSALS

REF: USUN 1452, USUN 1486

1. FRENCH PERMREP DEGUIRINGAUD EXPLAINED HIS GOVERNMENT'S TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS TO THE VINCI GROUP 4/29 A.M. ON THE RES REGARDING AN UN ECONOMIC "MONITORING GROUP," DEGUIRINGAUD SAID THAT THE AIM WAS TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON RAW MATERIALS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF ENERGY, WITH VIEW TO FORECASTING SHORT-FALLS AND SURPLUSES. HE SAID THAT CERTAIN G-77 REPRESENTATIVES HAD OBJECTED THAT MANUFACTURED GOODS WERE NOT INCLUDED. HE INDICATED THAT IT WAS GOF'S POSITION THAT WORK ON MANUFACTURED GOODS PRICES WAS UNDERWAY WITHIN UN DEPARTMENT OF ESA, BUT THAT GOF WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEDE TO G-77 RESERVATION BY INCLUDING A SMALL GROUP OF SELECTED MANUFACTURED GOODS WITHIN TERMS OF THEIR RESOLUTION. HE SPECIFICALLY
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MENTIONED CEMENT. HE CLAIMED THAT THE FRENCH RES

MET A NEED, SINCE UNCTAD'S WORK IN THE AREA OF COMMODITY PRICE COLLATION AND FORECASTING WAS INSUFFICIENT. HE SAID THAT THE ECONOMIC MONITORING GROUP WAS DESIGNED, TO IMPROVE STATISTICS AND WAS NOT INTENDED TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ONGOING G-77 PREOCCUPATIONS WITH TERMS OF TRADE OR INDEXATION OF COMMODITIES AND MANUFACTURED GOODS PRICES.

2. HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT THE ECONOMIC MONITORING GROUP INVOLVED ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF PERSONNEL, STATIONED IN EITHER NEW YORK OR GENEVA. HE ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS.

3. CANADIAN PERMREP RAE VOICED CONCERN THAT THE REFERENCE TO "WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES" IN OPERATIVE PARA 2 OF THE RES MIGHT IN FACT LEAD THE UN INTO AREA OF INDEXATION OF PRICES WHICH MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD NOT SUPPORT. BELGIUM PERMREP LONGERSTAEY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. THERE WERE NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS PARA 4. AMB. DEGUINGAUD THEN PROCEEDED TO EXPLAIN THE RES ON ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW-UP UNGA INITIATIVES, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF ENERGY, AGRICULTURE AND COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. AMB. DE GUINGAUD UNDERLINED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE RES WAS TO FILL IN A GAP IN THE SESSION'S DEBATES TO DATE, NAMELY ENERGY, HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT THE SUGGESTED COMMITTEE WOULD BE TEMPORARY AND THAT IT IN EFFECT WOULD BE OPEN-ENDED IN THE SENSE THAT ANY GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO IT.

5. THERE BEING NO COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE VINCI GROUP, AMB. DEGUINGAUD REITERATED HIS INTENTION TO INTRODUCE THE TWO RES IN COMMITTEE 4/29 P.M., AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WEO GROUP WOULD SUPPORT THESE INITIATIVES.
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